

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 GENEVA 00436 01 OF 03 121758Z
ACTION IO-14

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-01
INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02
SS-15 USIA-06 AF-10 ARA-10 EA-10 NEA-10 EB-08
COME-00 TRSE-00 OMB-01 OIC-02 AID-05 /129 W
-----130260 130924Z /12

R 121740Z JAN 78
FM USMISSION GENEVA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4687
INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMEMBASSY ROME
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SECTION 01 OF 03 GENEVA 00436

PARIS FOR UNESCO

ROME FOR FAO

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES FROM AMBASSADOR VANDEN
HEUVEL

E. O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: AORG, UN
SUBJECT: GENEVA GROUP WORK PROGRAM LOOKING TOWARD
CONSULTATIVE LEVEL SESSION.

SUMMARY. GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL) AGREED JANUARY 11 TO
SCHEDULE NEXT CONSULTATIVE LEVEL SESSION MAY 2-3 AND
MEETING OF EXPERTS ON PROGRAM ANALYSIS FEBRUARY 23-24.
FORWARD PROGRESS ON PREPARATIONS FOR CONSULTATIVE LEVEL
MEETING CONTINUE OTHERWISE TO BE STALLED, HOWEVER, UNTIL
DISCUSSION PAPERS PROMISED BY THE US AT THE LAST
CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MEETING CAN BE CIRCULATED AND A WORK
PROGRAM ORGANIZED. PAPERS THE US UNDERTOOK TO PRODUCE
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 GENEVA 00436 01 OF 03 121758Z

ARE RECALLED IN PARAS 5-6 BELOW, AND THE SPECIFIC
GUIDANCE THE MISSION FEELS IT NOW REQUIRES IS SET OUT IN
PARA 8. END SUMMARY.

1. WE FIND OURSELVES AT MID-POINT BETWEEN THE THIRD AND
FOURTH GENEVA GROUP CONSULTATIVE LEVEL SESSIONS CONCERNED
WITH THE INDICATIVE TARGET FIGURE EXERCISE. AT A GG
MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, THE DATES OF MAY 2-3

WERE FIXED FOR THE NEXT CONSULTATIVE LEVEL SESSION (GENEVA 116). THUS, THE TIMEFRAME HAS BEEN SET WITHIN WHICH FURTHER CONCRETE STEPS WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN IF PREPARATIONS FOR THE MAY CONSULTATIVE LEVEL SESSION ARE TO ADVANCE THE WORK.

2. EVOLUTION OF THE INDICATIVE TARGET FIGURE APPROACH DURING GG MEETINGS LAST YEAR QUICKLY POINTED TO THE ESSENTIALITY OF IMPROVING NATIONAL COORDINATION IN CAPITALS. THIS, IN TURN, SHOWED THE NEED FOR DEVELOPING NATIONAL ANALYTIC CAPABILITIES FOR PROGRAMS AND BUDGETS WHICH NECESSITATED THE NEED FOR A COMMON APPROACH TO CONDUCTING ANALYSES IN GENEVA GROUP CAPITALS SO THAT DISCUSSION MIGHT BE COMPREHENSIBLE. OUT OF THIS CAME THE "STANDARD ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK FOR BUDGET ANALYSIS", AND THE COMMITMENT TO DEVELOP A COMPLEMENTARY PAPER ON PROGRAM ANALYSIS. AT THE WEDNESDAY MEETING, JANUARY 11, THE GG ESTABLISHED FEBRUARY 23-24 AS THE DATE ON WHICH EXPERTS SHOULD COME FROM CAPITALS TO DO THIS WORK. THIS WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A SEPTTEL.

3. THE PROBLEM, AS WE SEE IT, IS THAT THE MAIN EFFORT BECAME DIFFUSED AT THE LAST CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MEETING. THE AGREED CONCLUSIONS OF THAT MEETING WERE SUCH THAT WE PRESENTLY FIND OURSELVES WITH SO MANY CONSEQUENTIAL PROJECTS ON THE DRAWING BOARD THAT THE DIALOGUE WITHIN THE GENEVA GROUP IS TENDING TO BECOME INCOHERENT. THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 GENEVA 00436 01 OF 03 121758Z

WAS ESPECIALLY EVIDENT IN THE NOVEMBER 23 MEETING (GENEVA 11036). IT IS THE MISSION'S VIEW THAT WE NEED NOW TO RECOVER THE MAIN THRUST OF THE INDICATIVE TARGET FIGURE EXERCISE AND RELATE IT IN A MORE COHERENT WAY TO THE PROJECTS WHICH WE OURSELVES WERE LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR INITIATING (FORMATS FOR ANALYSES, DEFINITION AND ASSESSMENT OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, TOTALITY OF RESOURCES, PERSONNEL COSTS AND PROBLEMS OF COORDINATION IN CAPITALS.)

4. THE BURDEN RESTS PARTICULARLY HEAVILY UPON THE US SIDE BECAUSE WE--AND GENERALLY WE ALONE--UNDERTOOK AT THE LAST CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MEETING TO PREPARE DOCUMENTATION ELABORATING UPON MOST OF THESE PROJECTS. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT THERE NOW EXISTS SOME UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THESE US UNDERTAKINGS AND HOW THEY BEAR ON THE MAIN PROJECT--THE INDICATIVE TARGET FIGURE EXERCISE. TO GET THINGS UN-STUCK NOW, IT IS INCUMBENT UPON US TO CIRCULATE AND ARRANGE FOR DISCUSSION OF THESE PAPERS SOON. INDEED, WE HAVE SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A MEANINGFUL CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MEETING IN MAY UNLESS WE CAN DISTRIBUTE THE PAPERS WE HAVE PROMISED IN TIME FOR A

PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION AT A GG GENERAL MEETING IN EARLY
FEBRUARY SO THAT THEY CAN THEN BE CONSIDERED IN CAPITALS.

5. PAPERS PROMISED AT THE CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN NEW
YORK ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) PROGRAM ANALYSES: THE US (AND CANADA) REPORTED
THAT NATIONAL ANALYSES OF THE PROGRAMS OF THE MAJOR
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES WERE UNDERWAY AND WOULD BE MADE
AVAILABLE TO THE RESPECTIVE LOCAL GENEVA GROUPS UPON
COMPLETION TO FACILITATE THEIR SETTING INDICATIVE TARGET
FIGURES FOR THE 1980-81 BUDGET CYCLES. THESE FIGURES

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 GENEVA 00436 02 OF 03 121805Z
ACTION IO-14

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-01
INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02
SS-15 USIA-06 AF-10 ARA-10 EA-10 NEA-10 EB-08
COME-00 TRSE-00 OMB-01 OIC-02 AID-05 /129 W
-----130283 130924Z /12

R 121740Z JAN 78
FM USMISSION GENEVA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4688
INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMEMBASSY ROME
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SECTION 02 OF 03 GENEVA 00436

MUST BE ARRIVED AT PROMPTLY IF THE LOCAL GENEVA GROUPS ARE
TO HAVE AN IMPORTANT INFLUENCE UPON THE SIZE OF THE
BUDGETS FOR THAT PERIOD.

(B) TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:
THE US UNDERTOOK TO CIRCULATE TO THE GENEVA GROUP
(GENERAL) A PAPER ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH WAS TO DISCUSS,
INTER ALIA, THE PROBLEM OF DEFINING TECHNICAL COOPERATION
AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE PROGRAMS OF
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. HERE, TOO, THE WORK OF LOCAL
GENEVA GROUPS ON ESTABLISHING INDICATIVE TARGET FIGURES
MAY BE DELAYED SO LONG AS THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT
CONCEPTUAL DIFFERENCES COULD ARISE. IN THIS CONNECTION,
THE MISSION STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE US PAPER BE

PRESENTED INITIALLY AS A DISCUSSION PAPER, RATHER THAN AS A DEFINITIVE STATEMENT WITH RESPECT TO US POLICY (AS STATE 279370 SEEMED TO FORESHADOW) IF IT IS OUR OBJECTIVE TO DEVELOP A BROAD CONSENSUS AMONG GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS ON THE DEFINITION QUESTION. IF THIS IS NOT TO BE OUR PURPOSE, THE MISSION WOULD CAUTION AGAINST INTRODUCING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 GENEVA 00436 02 OF 03 121805Z

ANY SUCH PAPER INTO GENEVA GROUP ACTIVITY AT THIS STAGE.

(C) FIELD EVALUATION: THE US REPORTED IT WAS DEVISING A PROPOSAL FOR FIELD EVALUATION OF SPECIALIZED AGENCY PROGRAMS TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN A SELECTED NUMBER OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IT WAS AGREED THAT THIS PROPOSAL, UPON PRESENTATION, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE FIRST INSTANCE BY THE GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL), PARTICULARLY THE FEASIBILITY OF MULTILATERAL COOPERATION ON ONE TEST PROJECT.

(D) TOTALITY OF RESOURCES: AS THE CONTRAST BETWEEN STATE 278230, PARA 4, AND GENEVA 11036, PARA 3, SHOWS, WE FIND OURSELVES MOVING AT CROSS PURPOSES WITH SOME OTHER GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS ON THIS SUBJECT. IF WE WISH TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THIS IDEA, THE MISSION BELIEVES IT WILL NEED TO BE EXPLAINED IN CLEARER, AND PREFERABLY WRITTEN FORM. A BETTER APPROACH MIGHT BE FOR THE US TO DEVELOP FIRST THE HISTORICAL PICTURE OF THE TOTALITY OF RESOURCES WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE IN THE PAST, AND THEN TRY TO DRAW FROM THIS WHATEVER IMPLICATIONS THE ANALYSIS SHOWS FOR ASSESSED BUDGETS.

6. IN ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING PAPERS, THE US INDICATED IT WISHED TO RAISE AT THE NEXT CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MEETING THE BROAD QUESTION OF SALARIES PAID TO INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS. IF THERE IS TO BE A STRUCTURED AND USEFUL EXCHANGE, IT WOULD SEEM HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT THE US CIRCULATE WELL IN ADVANCE A DISCUSSION PAPER OUTLINING THE AREAS OF CONCERN AND THE REMEDIES ENVISIONED.

7. WE HAVE AGREED WITH THE UK MISSION THAT THERE SHOULD BE A MEETING OF GENEVA CO-CHAIRMEN SOON (A) TO IDENTIFY DOCUMENTATION THAT CAPITALS HAVE AGREED TO PREPARE AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 GENEVA 00436 02 OF 03 121805Z

(B) TO ORGANIZE A WORK PROGRAM FOR THE GG (GENERAL) WHICH WILL ENABLE PREPARATIONS TO BE COMPLETED FOR THE SPRING CONSULTATIVE LEVEL SESSION. GIVEN THE USUAL NEED FOR

TIME LAPSES TO PERMIT EXCHANGES BETWEEN MISSIONS AND CAPITALS AS WORK PROCEEDS, THE STARTING POINTS FOR THE PROJECTS, THE CIRCULATION OF DOCUMENTATION, NEED TO BE SET SOON.

8. GUIDANCE REQUESTED. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF:

(A) DATE OR DATES ON WHICH THE DEPARTMENT EXPECTS TO HAVE THE PAPERS READY THAT ARE OUTLINED IN PARA 5 ABOVE, AND

(B) CLARIFICATION WHICH MISSION MAY USE AS BACKGROUND ABOUT THE DISCUSSION THE US WILL SEEK TO HAVE ON THE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 GENEVA 00436 03 OF 03 130911Z
ACTION IO-14

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-01
INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02
SS-15 USIA-06 AF-10 ARA-10 EA-10 NEA-10 EB-08
COME-00 TRSE-00 OMB-01 OIC-02 AID-05 /129 W
-----004778 130923Z /12

R 121740Z JAN 78 ZDK
FM USMISSION GENEVA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4689
INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMEMBASSY ROME
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SECTION 03 OF 03 GENEVA 00436

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS' SALARIES' QUESTION AND CONFIRMATION WHETHER THE US EXPECTS TO CIRCULATE A PAPER ON THIS SUBJECT IN ADVANCE OF THE CONSULTATIVE LEVEL SESSION (AS MISSION FEELS IT SHOULD, AND NOT LATER THAN MARCH TO BE FULLY USEFUL).

9. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE FOREGOING GUIDANCE BY JANUARY 23, AS THE UK AMBASSADOR AND I PLAN TENTATIVELY TO ARRANGE FOR A CO-CHAIRMEN'S MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT DURING THAT WEEK. VANDEN HEUVEL

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 12 jan 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978GENEVA00436
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780020-0008
Format: TEL
From: GENEVA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780173/aaaacjfv.tel
Line Count: 277
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 46388be4-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION IO
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 6
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3789330
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: GENEVA GROUP WORK PROGRAM LOOKING TOWARD CONSULTATIVE LEVEL SESSION. SUMMARY. GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL)
AGREED JANUARY 11
TAGS: AORG, UN
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/46388be4-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014